By the King.

A Proclamation commanding the repaire of Noblemen and Gentlemen into their ſeuerall Countreys, at the end of the Terme.

IT is Our Princely Office and care to prouide that all parts, Eſtats and Degrees of our People bee ſuſtained and cheriſhed, and that they may receiue mutuall comfort the one by the other, eſpecially where the need is moſt: And that the ancient and lawdable cuſtomes of this Our Realme be continued and obſerued, and new inconueniences (which the times doe dayly breed) repreſſed and preuented; Whereas therefore We are giuen to vnderſtand, That there is a great repaire and confluence, aſwell to the Cities of London and Weſtminſter, and the Suburbs of them, as to other Cities within Our Kingdome, of Noblemen and Gentlemen, who are Our principall Miniſters for the gouernment of the ſeuerall Counties of Our Kingdome, in reſpect of Our Commiſſions of Lieutenancie and the Peace: And that their comming is With purpoſe to liue and abide in the ſaid Cities and places With their families for this Whole Winter, or at leaſt during the Chriſtmas time; Whereby the gouernment of the Countreys Will be Weakened, Hoſpitalitie and the reliefe of the poore (eſpecially at ſuch a time) decayed, and the ſaid Cities, and places ſurcharged and peſtered, and the prices of Victuals there, and all other prouiſions and things exceſſiuely rayſed and inhaunſed: Wee doe by theſe preſents Will and command, aſWell all Our Lieutenants and Noblemen (except ſuch as be of Our Priuie Councell, or beare any Office about the Perſon, or Court of Our ſelues, or Our deare and Welbeloued Conſort the Queene,) and likeWiſe all Deputie Lieutenants, and Juſtices of Peace; That they and euery of them doe immediatly vpon the end of this preſent Terme, being the Nine and tWentieth day of Nouember, from the ſaid Cities and places, repaire vnto their ſeuerall Countreys to attend their ſeruice there, and to keepe Houſe and Hoſpitalitie, as appertaineth to their place and degree, vpon paine of Our high diſpleaſure, and ſuch puniſhment as is due for the contempt of Our Royall commandement.

Giuen at Royſton the 24. day of October, in the twelfth yeere of Our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the eight and fourtieth.

God ſaue the King.

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